

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 27, 2021**

At 9:03 a.m., President Susan Bull, DVM called to order a regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Present also were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Doug Meckes, Ronald Komich, Allen Cannedy, and Azure Holland; and Robin Lazaro, RVT. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn; and Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler.

Dr. Bull reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Ethics Commission's statements on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. She also reviewed G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

The following guests were in attendance: Claire Holley, Executive Director of NCVMA; and Dante Martin, DVM, President-Elect NCVMA.

A discussion was opened up to everyone on the following proposed legislation to update definitions:

GS § 90-181(9) "Veterinary student intern" definition – revising to state: "Veterinary student intern" means a person who is enrolled in an

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accredited veterinary college, has satisfactorily completed the second year of veterinary college education, and is registered with the Board as a veterinary student intern. (The change is from third year to second year of veterinary college education)

GS § 90-181(10) “Veterinary student preceptee” – remove this definition from the Practice Act.

New definition to add to Practice Act

GS § 90-181(12) “Veterinary Consulting means when any person, whose expertise the veterinarian believes would benefit the veterinarian’s patient, provides advice by any means of communication to a veterinarian at the veterinarian’s direction or request. Veterinary consulting, by that act alone, is not the practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Meckes made a motion to accept all the definitions with the minor changes, seconded by Dr. Komich. This was unanimously approved.

Telemedicine will be discussed at the March 11, 2021 meeting.

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The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Dr. Cannedy, seconded by Dr. Meckes, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director